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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, Early Intervention Stakeholders, State Agencies, and Private Profit or Private or Public Nonprofit Organizations

FROM: Susan K. Broman, Deputy Superintendent/Office of Great Start *SB*

RE: **Grant Opportunities** for Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Education and Family Services

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce two **Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** competitive grant opportunities for projects to begin October 1, 2013. The goal of Part C of the IDEA is to provide support to infants and toddlers under three years of age with disabilities and their families. These funds are geared toward improving the developmental outcomes of children who have disabilities and their family's capacity to enhance their growth and development. Various stakeholders are eligible to apply including school districts, public or private profit or nonprofit organizations, or institutions of higher learning.

**Support to the Early On<sup>®</sup> Field**

The Support to the *Early On* Field Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant will be funded as follows:

*Comprehensive System of Personnel Development* - Funds will be granted to provide support for the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development for the infant/toddler early intervention system commonly referred to as *Early On* Michigan. There are three components: 1) promote the preparation of early intervention service providers; 2) coordinate, implement, and manage in-service training for professionals, open as well to parents; and 3) coordinate and provide technical assistance to the 56 service areas.

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*Child Find, Public Awareness, and Information and Referral* - Funds will be granted to provide a comprehensive child find system, a public awareness program focusing on early identification of children with disabilities. There are three components: 1) implement a public awareness campaign for *Early On* Michigan; 2) promote and manage a child find system; and 3) update and maintain a central directory of IDEA resources in Michigan.

**Qualitative Compliance Information Project (QCIP)**

The purpose of this grant is to annually collect and analyze information and performance data necessary for reporting on the early intervention system for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. Data collected and analyzed by this grantee will provide direction and improvement targets for the early intervention system (known in Michigan as *Early On*).

A technical assistance webinar for both of these grant opportunities will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012. A Notice of Intent to Apply/Webinar Registration form, as well as grant instructions and application forms, are posted on-line at [www.michigan.gov/earlyon](http://www.michigan.gov/earlyon).

Questions regarding the **Support to the *Early On* Field** grant may be directed to Laura Goldthwait, Consultant, Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Education and Family Services at (517) 373-6565 or [goldthwaitl@michigan.gov](mailto:goldthwaitl@michigan.gov).

Questions regarding the **Qualitative Compliance Information Project** grant may be directed to Kelly Hurshe, Consultant, Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Education and Family Services at (517) 241-8309 or [hurshek@michigan.gov](mailto:hurshek@michigan.gov).

cc Michigan Education Alliance